

KAISER WITNESSES ROUT OF HIS GREAT ARMY AT SOMME

VENABLE TO TAKE ACTION

Will Ask for Injunction This Week and
Leave it Up to District Judge Whether
Bout Will Take Place

MAYOR SAYS LET THEM "EXHIBIT"

Texas Tate Explains How Impression Went
Out About Fifteen Round Affair and
Confident of Victory

Intense interest in the advertised
bout between Texas Tate and the Pu-
blio firmman was sustained through-
out Sunday and Monday and the next
move of the county attorney is being
looked to not only by those who are
directly connected with the coming
boxing exhibition but by hundreds
who expect to witness it if no inter-
ference results.

"Whether or not an injunction will
be issued against the principals and
promoters of the fight which is sched-
uled to take place on July 25 will
depend on the district judge," declar-
ed County Attorney Venable to an Ex-
press man this morning. "I shall ask
for an injunction some day this week
to prevent the mill but will not an-
nounce the date at this time."

A number of prominent citizens are
said to have asked the county attor-
ney to recede from his step but no at-
tention will be paid to their pleas.
"An officer cannot afford to be sway-
ed by the persuasions of other people
in a case of this kind," said Mr. Ven-
able. "As soon as they learn that he
is susceptible to that there would be
no end to their solicitations."

Mayor Approves Contest.
Among the most outspoken advo-
cates of non-interference with the
Tate-Plynn meet on July 25 is Mayor
Coffman.

"Understand me clearly when I say
that I am opposed to prize fights," he
said today. "Just as I am opposed to
any other illegal act or proceeding.
But this is not a prize fight—it is a
boxing exhibition, one which will be
of great public interest and is on the
same order as those boxing contests
which are encouraged in our public
schools. It is the same with baseball
and a good horse race. I enjoy them,
I go and shout for the winner and for
good points in the game but I would
not bet a red cent on anything that
ever came up. You hear me talk of
betting sometimes, but I or the
phrase more in the shape of slang. I
would not bet on anything. But these
sports have a healthy fascination for
me and I know they appeal to many
other people in Chickasha so long as
they are conducted strictly within the
law as I have every reason to believe
this exhibition will be."

"I was one of those citizens who
went to the county attorney on Sat-
urday and asked him to reconsider the
case, as it was within the law, a box-
ing exhibition with 5 oz. gloves. If
it were to take place within the city
limits, I should not only not oppose it
but I should help get it through."

"I believe in the enforcement of the
law," asserted the mayor in conclusion,
"but I believe that the county attor-
ney is going too far in this matter."

Texas Tate Talks.
"The Star was in grave error when
it referred to the boxing exhibition as
a fight last week," said Texas Tate
this morning. "This is no fight, it is
simply a boxing exhibition. I would
not be a party to anything that is
against the law, as I believe always in
doing what is right."

"Although it was advertised as a
fifteen-round affair it will be but ten
rounds. This was a mistake in adver-
tising. The error in the contract was
due to the ignorance of some of the
parties thereto of the laws of Okla-
homa."

Will Mean Boost.
"Nearly every one in town with
whom I have talked on the subject is
anxious to see the exhibition come off."

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KAISER ENGAGES IN FLIGHT

Was on the Somme Front and Witnessed
Routing of His Vast Forces by the
Victorious British Army

WAR COSTS ENGLAND \$30,000,000 DAILY

British Storm and Capture Second Line
German Positions and Continue Heavy
Drive North of the Somme

By Ed Keon,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, July 17.—The Kaiser was at
the Somme front when his army re-
treated Saturday before the powerful
British attacks. This is confirmed of-
ficially from Berlin.

Press dispatches said the British
and German armies at Longueval Fri-
day fought in the darkness of collar-
like caverns.

Russians in France.
Brest, France, July 17.—Another
convoy of Russian troops have landed.
It is believed over 30,000 Russians are
now in France.

By United Press.
Baltimore, Md., July 17.—The
Deutschland plans a trip down the
Potomac river into Chesapeake bay
tomorrow night, en route to Germany.
A member of her crew informed the
United Press today that no more per-
sons or deliveries would be allowed at
the dock.

By United Press.
London, July 17.—The British storm-
ed and captured the German second
line position along a fifteen hundred
yard front as a continuation of the
steady drive north of the Somme.
General Haig reports that an advance
was made northwest of Basentin le
Petit, pushing the British lines to the
outskirts of the Martinpuich village.

By United Press.
Berlin, July 17.—The British have
penetrated the Ovilieres woods and
heavy fighting has been resumed south
of the Somme.

By United Press.
London, July 17.—Secretary Mc-
Kenna announced today that England
is spending \$30,000,000 daily in prose-
cuting the war and that she spent
\$25,000,000 daily in the beginning of
the year.

FARMERS PROVIDED FOR NOW

President Wilson Expresses Satisfaction
as He Signs Rural Credits Bill
With Many Present

By United Press.
Washington, July 17.—President
Wilson today signed the rural credits
bill providing for the establishment
of a system of land mortgage banks
to handle long time mortgage loans
to farmers. The president today told
many interested persons who were
present that the farmers hitherto had
occupied a singular position of disad-
vantage.

He said this bill puts them on an
equality with all others having gen-
eral assets.

VILLISTAS MARCHING TO BORDER

Carranza Troops Stationed at Piedras
Negras and Monclova and Sent
South to Oppose Them

TEXANS ANXIOUS TO RETURN HOME

Governor Ferguson Appeals to President
to Facilitate Return of Men With
Dependent Families

By United Press.
Eagle Pass, Tex., July 17.—The Car-
ranza troops which have been station-
ed at Piedras Negras and Monclova
are moving south to oppose a large
force of Villistas who are marching
towards the border, it was learned
from Mexican sources today.

Guardsmen Want Release.
By United Press.
Austin, Tex., July 17.—Governor
Ferguson wired President Wilson to-
day asking for the discharge or re-
lease on furlough of Texas militiamen
on the border having dependents. He
called the president's attention to
about thirty specific cases where the
presence of some was imperative.

The wives of several of the guard-
smen in delicate condition are over-
wrought mentally because of their
husbands' absence. In addition there
are many cases where it is a "matter
of bread and butter, owing to the ab-
sence of the head of the family
through the government's call."

"In view of the border troubles be-
ing well in hand, due almost wholly
to the policy which you have pursued,"
concluded the governor, "I am taking
the liberty to call your attention to
these unfortunate cases."

DID NOT CHANGE GUARDIAN

Unsuccessful Attempt of Mother to Secure
Guardianship Over Her Sixteen
Year Old Child

Fighting for the guardianship of her
daughter in the county court this
morning, Mrs. Nora Ward failed to
show sufficient reason why she should
take Christine Kieher away from her
grandmother, Mrs. M. F. Harsh, all of
Chickasha.

In her application for letters of
guardianship of her child, who is un-
der 17 years, Mrs. Ward declared the
grandmother to be not the proper
person to rear and educate a girl of
such tender age, allowing her to as-
sociate with undesirable persons. She
also charges inability to safeguard
and protect the character of Christine
or to select suitable persons with
whom to associate.

The testimony developed the facts
that since December the child has
been living with her grandmother,
having gone there on the occasion of
her mother's second marriage, on De-
cember 12. Her grandmother had pro-
vided for her education and had made
her the beneficiary in her will. The
child announced her objection to liv-
ing with her mother and stepfather
and, being over 14, is, under the law,
allowed the right to select her own
guardian provided such guardian is a
desirable person.

The court room was filled with
friends of all parties who had come
to testify but Judge Davenport, after
hearing the testimony of the mother,
the stepfather, the grandmother and
the child, in which the applicant for
letters failed in the opinion of the
court to substantiate the charges con-

LIEUT. WILLIAM THAW



Recent portrait of Lieutenant Thaw,
the American aviator who has been
winning laurels in the service of
France and who may come home to
aid his own country.

HUNDREDS OF STORM VICTIMS

Five Known Dead and Hundreds Injured
With Millions of Dollars in Property
Damage Reported From
New Orleans

By United Press.
Washington, July 17.—The Southern
Railway has partially suspended traf-
fic today south of Washington. Re-
ports continue pouring in telling of
disasters from floods in North and
South Carolina. The second bridge
on the Charlotte division went out at
2 o'clock this morning. The trains
which were unable to proceed beyond
Salisbury are now operating south of
there. Atlanta is being reached via
Chicago. At New Orleans five are
known to be killed and hundreds in-
jured with millions of property dam-
age. Railroad and wire communica-
tion are demoralized. The floods are
sweeping North and South Carolina
as the result of the hurricane which
struck the south.

Rescuers Missing.
By United Press.
Charlotte, N. C., July 17.—Grave
four is felt that a rescue party while
attempting to save twenty men who
were engulfed in the Catawba river
when the Southern Railway train went
out last night, have been lost and that
the boat carrying the rescuers cap-
sized. Like the men in last night's ac-
cident, none were found.

FARMER IS FOUND DEAD

S. K. Elliott, aged 79, a farmer liv-
ing four miles northeast of Naples, in
this county, was found dead in his
field Saturday afternoon.

On the morning of the day when the
end came to him, Mr. Elliott went to
his field to hoe corn and he did not
return at the noon hour. The family
soon became uneasy over his absence
and went out to search for him, find-
ing his lifeless body where he ap-
parently had fallen and expired without
a struggle. Whether he was overcome
by heat or was seized by heart trouble
is not known.

The deceased leaves a widow and
two sons. He had lived in this coun-
ty about 12 years, having previously
resided in Texas. Mr. Elliott was a
Confederate veteran and enjoyed the
complete confidence and respect of his
neighbors.

tained in the application, would hear
no more testimony and rendered a de-
cision in favor of the grandmother.

PAVING TAX MATTER IS STILL UP

City Treasurer Clark Goes to Consult With
Attorney General on Disposition
of Interest Money

QUESTION IS NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD

City Clerk Gets Letter from Property
Holders Who Misjudge Status
of City in Case

A wrong conception of the status of
the city of Chickasha and of the city's
powers in the controversy over the
disposition of unpaid interest and pen-
alties in the street paving bonds has
resulted in the following letter being
addressed to City Clerk Reynolds by
one of the interested parties and in
behalf of others:

"The writer will indeed greatly ap-
preciate your advising in the self-ad-
dressed envelope herewith enclosed,
whether or not the city of Chickasha
is going to reduce the penalty on pay-
ing taxes from 18 per cent to 8 per
cent, the city taking care of the differ-
ence."

"As I understand it, the suit for pay-
ing taxes was decided adversely to the
property owners. Kindly advise if
the case is going to be appealed."

"It will certainly be a help to us if
you will furnish me with the above in-
formation at your earliest conven-
ience."

"The city of Chickasha has nothing
more to do with the payment of inter-
est and penalties on the paving bonds,"
said City Clerk Reynolds this morning.
"than to deliver whatever moneys are
collected to the bondholders. That is
its only obligation. The city is re-
sponsible neither to the property hold-
ers nor to the bondholders, either for
the payment of the interest on the
bonds or on the principal. That is a
matter strictly between the bondhold-
ers and the owners of property. If the
taxes are not paid the bondholders
have a right to seize the property in-
volved. Our only obligation is to turn
over to the bondholders whatever mon-
eys the taxpayers see fit to turn into
this office. I have so notified this
correspondent."

City Treasurer Clark leaves this af-
ternoon for Oklahoma City where he
will confer with Attorney General
Freeling on the disposition of the \$17-
600 interest and penalties involved in
this case.

DIVORCE GRANTED

"In the district court this morning a
divorce was granted to Mrs. Ethel
Richardson against H. L. Richardson.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Tuesday, gener-
ally fair.
Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 8
a. m. today:
Maximum, 72; minimum, 73

WITH VILLA DEAD AMERICAN ARMY WOULD LEAVE MEXICO

By United Press.
Washington, July 17.—With Villa dead General Pershing's
troops would be brought out of Mexico within a month and the
militia of the several states now doing service along the Mexican
border would be back home within three months," declared a high
war department official today.

This official says it is declared that Villa's name is now being
used by minor leaders to inspire fear among Carranza troops, but
said that General Carranza is now stronger in Mexico than he ever
was before.

RUSSIAN LOSSES 262,000

Germaans Impressed by Steady and De-
termined Advance of Great Russian
Masses Before Kovol

WOULD BE GREAT BLOW TO ENEMY

Reduction of Kovol by Czar's Army Would
Be Staggering Blow and Prove Menace
to Lemberg and Brest

By Simms.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Petrograd, July 17.—The Germans
are impressed with the steady Russian
advance which seesaws first at one
point and then at another, and massing
enormous forces before Kovol.
The present comparative calm is be-
lieved to be a prelude to the resump-
tion of heavy fighting. The fall of
Kovol would be a staggering blow to
the central powers. It would prove a
menace to Lemberg and open the road
to Brest and Litvinsk, threatening the
rear of the entire Pinsk region.

Russian Losses 262,000.
By United Press.
Berlin, July 17.—The Russian losses
since the beginning of the present Rus-
sian offensive on July 1 are 262,000,
killed, a semi-official news agency es-
timates.

WANT TO SEE NEW BRIDGE

Mayor and Street Commissioner Will Con-
fer With County Commissioners on
\$3,000 Appropriation

Although it was moved by one of
the councilmen at its last session that
a committee be appointed to confer
with the county commissioners regard-
ing an appropriation of a concrete
bridge crossing Line creek at Fourth
and Michigan avenue, no definite
step was taken. Mayor Coffman does
not believe that a formal appointment
is necessary and is of the opinion that
he and Street Commissioner Dan Beets
will go before the board or the indi-
vidual members of that body in case
no session is held toward the end of
the week, and secure a definite state-
ment as to the board's intention in
the premises. It is said that Mayor
Coffman has the verbal assurance of
the support of at least one member of
the board but whether this member
was authorized to speak for his broth-
er officers is not clear.

It is the desire of the city officials
to hasten the completion of this struc-
ture in the event favorable action is
taken and it is therefore desired that
some definite understanding be reach-
ed before the next regular meeting of
the city council.

WILL LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE IT

Governor Williams Will Not Block Pro-
gram of Legislature, Notwithstand-
ing Absence of Petitions

POINTS OUT RISK OF CONFUSION

Neighboring States Place Limit on Amend-
ments; Governor Williams Discusses
Several Amendments

Special to the Express.
Doxey, Beckham County, Okla., July
17.—Governor Williams received a
hearty reception at a picnic here to-
day where an immense throng paid
rapt attention while the chief execu-
tive discussed the nine amendments
which are to be voted on by the people
of Oklahoma at the primaries on Aug-
ust 1.

While interest centered on the gov-
ernor's position on the limit which
should be placed on constitutional
amendments and his declaration of
non-interference with the plans of the
legislature, also on his ideas on the
literacy test, his entire speech was
well received and he received a thrus-
some applause at its conclusion.

Literacy Test.
"The legislature at the special ses-
sion, 1915, submitted an amendment
proposing a literacy test for voters,
this literacy test to apply to all voters,
except those who themselves, or
whose ancestors fought in the land or
naval forces of their country."

"Such states as Maine, New Hamp-
shire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island
and Connecticut, as well as many others,
have the literacy test."

"In this progressive state this con-
stitutional provision will prohibit any
property qualifications for voting ever
being adopted in this state by the leg-
islature."

"The educational or literacy test
harmonizes with progress and intelli-
gence. This is especially essential in
a state where the initiative and refer-
endum is exercised, for certainly the
enacting or disapproval of laws by a
popular vote, make an educational
test advisable with the exception of
exemptions given on account of mili-
tary services rendered."

Education for All.
"This is wise and works no hard-
ship. We have such a splendid sys-
tem of common schools, with compul-
sory education and moonlight schools,
as to bring an education within the
grasp and reach of every individual,
at the same time, saying to the man,
where he or his ancestors have served
on the battlefield or have given their
lives for patriotism, you shall be qual-
ified to vote, regardless of the educa-
tional test. What descendants of the
soldiers of the revolutionary war, the
war of 1812, the Mexican war or the
Indian wars, on either side, or sol-
diers of the Civil war on either side,
or the Spanish-American war, will not
recognize the justice of this proposed
test, and the exceptions thereto."

"We have mobilized the National
Guard of this state ready to have our
young men go to the border, maybe
to their graves. This exception is in
recognition of such service and such
evidence of patriotism."

"The great Lincoln believed that
suffrage should be granted on account
of military service. It is too much to
expect that just a few years of free-
dom would qualify the negro race to
be voters, without qualification or ex-
ception."

Negro Not Qualified.
"The negro, after having undergone
six thousand years of bondage, can-
not be expected to be fitted like the
white race, to exercise the rights of
citizenship. It is better for him that
only the qualified of his race should
participate in government. The qual-
ified are trustees in a governmental

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